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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RWANDAN-LIBYAN RELATIONS IN FLUX

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1. PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - RWANDAN PRES HABYARIMANA LEAVES KIGALI FOR TRIPOLI MARCH 13 ON WHAT IS EVIDENTLY URGENT VISIT. FONMIN TOLD AMB MARCH 12 THAT TRIPOLI STOPOVER WOULD BE ONLY 4-6 HOURS FOLLOWED BY VISIT KHARTOUM (PROBABLY RELATED ASSISTANCE FROM RESIDENT ARAB FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS). GOR HAS HELD LIBYA IN HIGH OFFICIAL ESTEEM (REFTEL) FOR ITS RELATIVELY LARGE AID PROMISES (\$17 MILLION) AND MODEST MILITARY AID.

2. THE FADING BLOOM - HOWEVER, PRESENT VISIT IS UNDOUBTEDLY RELATED TO SOME FADING OF THE BLOOM ON THE LIBYAN ROSE. GOR HAS BECOME BELATEDLY AWARE THAT SMALL PRINT OF RATIFIED GOR-GOL ECONOMIC AGREEMENT (PARA. 2 REFTEL) COULD PLACE VIRTUALLY ALL OF RWANDA'S MONETIZED DOMESTIC ECONOMY UNDER LIBYAN CONTROL. EMB UNDERSTANDS GOR OFFICIALS WHO

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NAIVELY SIGNED AGREEMENT NOW BEING CRITICIZED AS HAVING

"SOLD" RWANDA. PRES TRIP IS THUS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON  
DELIMITED THE AGREEMENT.

--WE BELIEVE RWANDAN MILITARY ALSO BOTH JEALOUS AND CONCERNED  
OVER WHAT THEY REGARD AS DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE LIBYAN  
MILITARY AID TO BURUNDI COMPARED RWANDA. SOME EFFORT WILL  
PROBABLY BE MADE TO RECTIFY WHAT GOR SEES AS THIS IMBALANCE  
IN LARGESSE.

-- IMPLEMENTATION OF LIBYAN AID PROJECTS HAS NOT BEEN RAPIDLY  
FORTHCOMING AND GOR PERTURBED TO FIND SOME LIBYAN PROJECT AID  
ACTUALLY ON LOAN RATHER THAN GRANT TERMS.

-- KEY GOR ADVISERS BELIEVE GOL INHERENTLY UNSTABLE AND  
PROBABLY WANT TO ACCELERATE AS MUCH CONCRETE ASSISTANCE AS  
POSSIBLE BEFORE A NEXT LIBYAN COUP ATTEMPT SUCCEEDS. FRITTS

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